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Canal Winchester, Waste Management Agree to New Contract

CANAL WINCHESTER – Effective immediately, the Village of Canal Winchester has entered into a new residential refuse service contract with Waste Management. The contract lasts through Aug. 31 of 2020, with the option to renegotiate the recycling portion of the contract prior to year three of the agreement.

With the new agreement, the monthly refuse fee paid by residents to Waste Management will increase from \$9.87 to \$12 per month. The agreement also states that annual rate increases will not exceed 2.5 percent.

The other notable change for residents in the new agreement is how recycling will be handled. Previously, Waste Management picked up recyclables - which didn't need to be separated from general refuse - during scheduled trash pickup. These recyclables were then sorted from other trash at Waste Management's transfer station.

As of January 1, 2010, SWACO no longer allowed waivers authorizing out-of-district solid waste disposal. Therefore, Waste Management now disposes of local waste in the Franklin County landfill. Because Waste Management isn't using its transfer station in Canal Winchester to transfer waste to its company-owned landfill, the company is no longer sorting recyclables at this facility.

Recycling will now be handled through three drop of sites for residents to take their recyclables. One will be located at Waste Management's facility at 1006 W. Walnut Street, and will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The other two locations will be announced by Oct. 1, and will be open from dawn until dusk.

"Waste Management has been a strong asset to our community and we're happy to be able to continue this partnership with them," said Canal Winchester Mayor, Michael Ebert. "This is the first rate increase we've had in several years and our rates remain low compared to other communities."

Besides the small rate increase and the change in how recyclables are handled, residents won't see much difference in how trash pickup is handled. For example, trash pickup will continue to be on Mondays and Waste Management will still pick up yard waste. For complete details such as holiday schedules and allowable waste items, residents should visit Waste Management's website at www.WM.com or contact the company's customer service line.

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